

connections in rural areas of Agra, Aligarh and Bharatpur in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) the dates upto which the registered applicants are being given the connections; and

(d) the criteria adopted by the Government for providing LPG connections in new areas?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d). As per the existing policy LPG facility is being provided in a phased manner to places with a population of 20,000 and above which offer viable distributor ships, subject to overall availability of the product. Efforts are, however, on to give LPG connections to as many applicants as early as possible.

[English]

Cost of Crude Oil

1170. SHRI K.P. UNNIKRIISHNAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the landed cost of crude oil, per metric tonne, in Indian Ports as on January, 1, 1989, 1990 and 1991;

(b) the average production cost of one tonne, of domestic crude on the corresponding dates;

(c) the administered prices of Petrol, diesel, kerosene and aviation-grade fuel, per metric tonne and the retail prices per litre of those items in different States on the corresponding dates; and

(d) the number of times the administered prices have been revised in the corresponding period and the rationale behind these increases?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The landed cost of crude oil varies from port to port and also with the source of supply.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The requisite information is given in the attached statement.

(d) Twice between 1.1.1989 and 1.1.1991. Any change in the prices of petroleum products is made by the Government, keeping in view supplies, growth in demand and other socio-economic factors.

STATEMENT

The ex-storage price of MS 87, HSD, SKO and ATF are as follows:

Product	As on 1.1.1989	As on 1.1.1990	Rs./MT As on 1.1.1991	
1	2	3	4	
MS	10856.33	10856.33		15775.11
HSD	3745.62	3745.62		3195.71
SKO (For domestic use)	2514.66	2514.66		3143.32
ATF (Other than for international airways)	6748.93	6748.93		10562.09

The retail prices vary from place to place within a State due to the difference in freight and local levies.